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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following paragraph:

[0012] Yet still further, the method involves synchronizing the client and the server to check for compatibility. Some local clients may not be compatible with the server. In such a case, it may be necessary to connect using conventional connection oriented protocol. For example, some local clients may have sockets of a different type from that used on a server, for example, sockets or TLI connections. If the sockets or comparable Interprocess Communications Facilities are incompatible for a direct connection, connection oriented protocol is necessary for successful data transfer. Therefore, the invention provides for setting the pointers to null and allowing the conventional connection using connection oriented protocol to remain for data transfer when the sockets or comparable Interprocess Communications Facilities are incompatible. However, if the client and the server are compatible, pointers are set at the socket level to allow data transfer bypassing the connection oriented protocol.